

REMARKS

I. THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

The Office requires restriction of the claims to one of the following inventions:

Group I, claims 1-4 and 6-10, drawn to polynucleotides encoding a protein which modulates CRH;

Group II, claim 5, drawn to a polypeptide which modulates CRH;

Group III, claims 11-17, drawn to a method of identifying a compound capable of altering CRH signaling using a polypeptide;

Group IV, claims 18 and 19, drawn to a method of identifying a compound capable of altering CRH signaling by measuring expression levels of genes;

Group V, claims 20-26, drawn to a method of identifying a compound capable of altering CRH signaling by measuring a response; and

Group VI, claims 27-34, drawing to a method of diagnosing depression.

In response, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-4 and 6-10, with traverse.

II. CONCLUSION

Early consideration and prompt allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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